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SUBJECT: PLO CONDITIONS FOR CEASE-FIRE

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON MARCH 31, AUSTRALIAN
CHARGE JOHN WATSON REMARKED THAT HE HAD JUST
SEEN SAUDI AMBASSADOR ALI AL-CHA'ER. LATTER HAD SAID HE
HAD MET WITH YASIR ARAFAT SEVERAL TIMES OVER LAST
SEVERAL DAYS, AND ARAFAT HAD REMARKED THAT THE PLO
WOULD AGREE TO HELP THE UN IMPLEMENT ITS MISSION IN
SOUTH LEBANON UNDER TWO CINDITIONS:

A. THERE WOULD BE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HIMSELF
AND SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM;

B. UNIFIL WOULD OCCUPY NO PALESTINIAN POSITIONS
SOUTH OF THE LITANI.

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2. AL-CHA'ER ALSO REMARKED THAT THE PLO LEADERS WERE
IN A HIGHLY EMOTIONAL STATE AT THE MOMENT AND THAT IT
WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO TALK TO THEM.

3. AL-CHA'ER SAID THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAD TOLD THE PLO

THAT IT MUST MODERATE ITS BEHAVIOR FOR ITS OWN GOOD.
SAUDIA ARABIA NEVERTHELESS WAS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO THE
PLO AND BELIEVED THE ARABS NEEDED IT. SAUDI ARABIA
WOULD NEVER PUT THE KIND OF PRESSURE ON THE PLO WHICH
THE WEST WANTED. SAUDIA ARABIA WOULD NEVER ABANDON
ITS PUBLIC SUPPORT OR ITS PRIVATE FINANCING OF THE PLO.

4. AL-CHA'ER ADDED THAT SYRIA WAS IN A VERY DIFFICULT
POSITION. SYRIA, LIKE SAUDI ARABIA, WANTED THE PLO
TO MODERATE ITS BEHAVIOR PARTICULARLY IN LEBANON.
SYRIA COULD NEVER ABANDON THE PLO, HOWEVER.
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